CHARLES, by the grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

TO our welbeloued Subiects, the Mayor and Recorder of our City of *Briſtoll*, now being, and that for the time hereafter ſhall be. And to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers and the Farmours Deputies in the Port of *Briſtoll* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be: And to the Mayor, Bayliffe, or Bayliffes, or other chiefe Officer or Officers, and to the Recorder or Recorders, and to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers, and Farmours Deputies, of and within all and ſingular the Port Townes, Ports, Hauens, and Creekes betweene our ſaid Citie of *Briſtoll*, and *Bewmaurice*, now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be. And to the Mayor and Recorder of *Bewmaurice* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be, and to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers, and Farmours Deputies, of or in the Port of *Bewmaurice* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be. And to the Mayor, Bayliffe, or Bayliffes, or other chiefe Officer or Officers, and to the Recorder or Recorders, and to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers and Farmours, and Farmours Deputies, of and within all and ſingular the Port Townes: Ports, Hauens, and Creekes betweene *Bewmaurice* aforeſaid, and our City of *Cheſter*. And to the Mayor and Recorder of our City of *Cheſter* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be: And to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers, and the Farmours Deputies in our Port of *Cheſter* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be. And to the Mayor, Bayliffe, or Bayliffes, or other chiefe Officer or Officers, and to the Recorder or Recorders, and to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers, and Farmours Deputies of and within all and ſingular the Port Townes, Ports, Hauens, and Creekes betweene our ſaid City of *Cheſter*, and our Towne of *Leuerpoole* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be. And to the Mayor, Bayliffe or Bayliffes, or other chiefe Officer or Officers, and to the Recorder of our ſaid Towne of *Leuerpoole* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be, and to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, and Farmours Deputies, of and in the Port of *Leuerpoole* now being, and that hereafter for the time ſhall be. And to the Mayor, Bayliffe, or Bayliffes, or other chiefe Officer or Officers, and to the Recorder or Recorders, and to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers, and Farmours Deputies of and within all and ſingular the Port Townes, Ports, Hauens and Creekes betweene *Leuerpoole* aforeſaid, and *Workington*. And to the Mayor, Bayliffe, or other chiefe Officer or Officers, Recorder of the Towne of *Workington* aforeſaid: And to the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Surueyours, Searchers, and Farmours Deputies, of and within *Workington* aforeſaid, and to all and ſingular our Iuſtices of Peace, hauing authoritie within the foreſaid Cities and Townes, Ports, and Creekes aforeſaid: Greeting.

Whereas Our late deare and Royall Father King IAMES of happy memory, by his Proclamation dated at *Weſtminſter*, the ninth day of *Iuly*, in the fift yeare of his Raigne of Great *Britaine*, *France* and *Ireland*, did ſtraightly prohibit and forbid all manner of perſons being naturall borne Subiects of this our Realme, or any of the Dominions of the ſame, of what eſtate or degree ſoeuer they were, that they or any of them (other then ſuch perſons as were excepted in and by an Act of Parliament, made in the fift yeare of the Raigne of King *Richard* the Second, in the ſaid Proclamation mentioned: and other then Souldiers, Merchants, Mariners, and their Factours and Apprentices) ſhould not at any time thereafter without eſpeciall licence of Our ſaid Father, or of any foure or more of his Priuie Counſell (whereof his principall Secretary for the time being to be one) paſſe or depart out of this our Realme of *England*, or any the Dominions of the ſame, into the Kingdomes, Countries, Territories, or Dominions of any forraine King, Prince, or State, or Potentate, vpon ſuch Corporall and other great and heauy paines and penalties, as by the Lawes of this Realme might bee inflicted vpon ſuch as ſhould offend therein for their ſo hainous and vnnaturall offences againſt their naturall Liege Lord and Countrey in that behalfe, as by the ſaid Proclamation (amongſt other things) more fully and plainly appeareth. And our ſaid Father, taking into his conſideration, that there were diuers perſons, aſwell Women and Children vnder the age of one and twentie yeares, as others beſides the perſons not reſtrained by his ſaid Proclamation, whereof ſome had good and neceſſary occaſions to paſſe beyond the Seas, who neuertheleſſe could not lawfully paſſe out of the ſame without ſuch licence as in his ſaid Proclamation was appointed in that behalfe. In which caſes, for euery ſuch of his ſaid Subiects to obtaine licence from our ſaid Father, or foure of his Councell (whereof his Principall Secretary to bee one) was very inconuenient. And that diuers of his Subiects, being perſons vnknowne, and euill affected to the State of this Kingdome, did oftentimes conuey themſelues out of this Realme into the parts beyond the Seas, and combine themſelues with forraine Enemies, thereby to make trouble and diſturbance to Our ſaid Father and his People, did by ſeuerall Commiſſions vnder his great Seale of *England*, giue power and authority to the chiefe Officers within the Ports of this Kingdome, to adminiſter an Oath vnto ſuch perſons as ſhould deſire to goe ouer the Seas, and to examine them, and ſuch as they ſhould find to goe ouer vpon any good or lawfull occaſion, to allow and ſuffer to paſſe, with diuers prouiſions therein, neuertheleſſe, for the reſtraint of ſuch as ſhould be ſuſpected or diſcouered to be perſons dangerous, or fit to be made Inſtruments of deſperate attempts, which Commiſſions haue taken good effect to the purpoſes to which they were intended.

Know yee therefore, that We hauing well weighed the premiſſes, and for the expedition of ſuch other Our Subiects as ſhall haue good and neceſſary occaſion to paſſe ouer the Seas, and to quite and eaſe Our Selfe and Our Priuy Counſell of that continuall ſuite and trouble which thereby would happen vnto Vs and them, to the hinderance of other Our weighty Affaires. And alſo to preuent as much as We may all dangers that may happen to Vs or Our Eſtate in the caſes aforeſaid. And repoſing truſt and confidence in your fidelities, wiſedomes, and circumſpections haue aſſigned and appointed, and by theſe Preſents doe aſſigne and appoint you to be our Commiſſioners.

And we doe hereby giue vnto you, or any two or more of you full power and authority within the ſeuerall Iuriſdictions, Ports, Creekes, and places reſpectiuely, where you and euery of you are to execute your ſeuerall Offices and places, or to attend from time to time, to miniſter an Oath to all and euery perſon and perſons aſwell Women and Children, vnder the age of one and twenty yeares, being of conuenient age to take an Oath, as other perſon and perſons, other then the perſons not reſtrained as aforeſaid, as ſhall offer or deſire to goe ouer the Seas at any of the ſaid Ports, Hauens, or Creekes reſpectiuely, as aforeſaid, to anſwere truly to ſuch queſtions as you or any two or more of you ſhall aske of them; and vpon ſuch their Oath to aske and learne of them their names and ſirnames, and the place of their birth and abode, their ſtate, degree, vocation trade, myſtery, or occupation and the true cauſe or cauſes of their going ouer, together with the place or places whether they intend or are to goe, and the time that they intend, and are like to ſtay and tarry before their returne, and all other queſtions that in your diſcretions according to the occaſions you ſhall thinke fit. All which their ſeuerall anſweres in the points aforeſaid, or what elſe in your diſcretion you ſhall thinke fit to demand of them, and of the time of their paſſage. We will that you cauſe an orderly and perfect Entry to be made in a Booke by ſuch Clearke or Clearkes, as We haue nominated and appointed, or ſhall nominate and appoint thereunto vnder Our great Seale of *England*, or his or their Deputie, or Deputies, which Booke may be extant vpon all occaſions.

And We doe alſo by theſe Preſents, giue full power and authoritie vnto you, or any two or more of you reſpectiuely within the Precincts and places aforeſaid, to tender the Oath mentioned in Our Act of Parliament, made in the third yeare of our ſaid late Fathers Raigne of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, intituled an Act for the better diſcouering and repreſſing of Popiſh Recuſants, vnto any ſuch perſon or perſons: as you or any two or more of you in your diſcretions ſhall thinke fit (except ſuch perſons as are not reſtrained by the ſaid Proclamation) which ſhall be deſirous to paſſe ouer the Seas, at the ſaid Ports, Hauens, or Creekes reſpectiuely, vpon which examination ſo by you, or any ſuch two or more of you to be taken and entred in manner aforeſaid, and the ſaid Oath ſo tendred in caſe where you or any two or more of you ſhall thinke it fit as aforeſaid, ſuch of the ſaid perſons intending to goe ouer the Seas as you or any ſuch two or more of you ſhall find to goe ouer for any good or lawfull occaſion, and which you ſhall not diſcouer by ſuch their examinations, or otherwiſe know or learne to be Gentlemen or men of value, or publikely noted of any diſloyall or dangerous action or affection, and ſhall willingly take the ſaid Oath mentioned in the ſaid Act of Parliament, made in the ſaid third yeare of Our ſaid Fathers Raigne, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, in caſe where you, or two or more of you ſhall thinke good to miniſter the ſame, as aforeſaid, you, or any ſuch two or more of you may and ſhall allow and ſuffer to paſſe. And thereupon you or any two or more of you ſhall ſignifie vnder your hands and ſeales, the ſame perſons to be allowable to paſſe ouer the Seas, at any of the Ports, Hauens, or Creekes reſpectiuely, as aforeſaid, of which your ſaid Teſtimonials you ſhall cauſe to be entred into the ſaid Booke a ſhort remembrance, vpon which your Teſtimoniall or Teſtimonialls ſo made theſe our Letters Patents ſhall be vnto the ſaid perſons themſelues, ſo by you, or two or more of you, vnder ſuch your Teſtimonialls allowed a ſufficient Warrant to paſſe and goe ouer the Seas, at any of the ſaid Ports, Hauens, or Creekes aforeſaid. And to all and euery the Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, and Searchers, and other Officers of the ſaid Ports, to let them paſſe there without other licence to be had, or other entrie of the names of ſuch Paſſengers by them or any of them to be made or taken, & to all Owners of Ships, or Veſſels to carrie and conuey them from thence ouer the Seas. The ſaid Proclamation made the ſaid ninth day of *Iuly*, in the ſaid fift yeare of Our ſaid Fathers Raigne, of great *Britaine*, *France* and *Ireland*, or any Statute, Ordinance, Law, Proclamation, Reſtraint or other thing to the contrary, in any wiſe to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, and Our will and pleaſure is that ſuch as vpon examination, you or any two or more of you ſhall find, or otherwiſe diſcouer or ſuſpect to be perſons dangerous or fit, to be made Inſtruments of deſperate attempts, or which ſhall refuſe to take the ſaid Oath, mentioned in the ſaid Act of Parliament, made in the ſaid third yeare of Our ſaid Fathers Raigne, when you ſhall according to your diſcretions, thinke fit to tender the ſame, to ſuch you ſhall not onely deny paſſage, but alſo commit them to Ward, and ſhall forthwith certifie our Priuy Counſell of them, and all things that you ſhall vnderſtand concerning them. Whereupon ſuch directions as you ſhall receiue from our ſaid Counſell, Our will is that you doe in all things follow and obſerue.

Prouided alſo that if any the perſons ſo paſſing ouer as aforeſaid, ſhall after his departure out of this Realme, doe commit, put in vre, attempt or conſent vnto any Act, deuice, plot or thing againſt Vs or any of Our Kingdomes and Dominions, or any Our Lawes, or Statutes, that euery perſon ſo offending ſhall loſe the benefit of this Warrant, and of theſe Our Letters Patents, and ſhall to all intents and purpoſes be taken and adiudged, to be as one that maliciouſly and contemptuouſly did paſſe or depart out of this Realme, contrary to the tenour and effect of the ſaid Statute, and of the ſaid Proclamation, and without any licence obtained from Vs.

And therefore We doe hereby ſtraightly charge and command all Maſters of Ships, or Shippers, Mariners and other perſons whatſoeuer, that they or any of them doe not preſume or attempt to take into their Ships, Hoyes or other veſſels at any time from henceforth, any Paſſenger whatſoeuer, to the intent to paſſe out of this Realme, (other then the perſons not reſtrained, or to bee licenſed to paſſe according to the ſaid Proclamation) without permiſſion and warrant of our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any two or more of them vnder their hands, firſt obtayned as aforeſaid vpon ſuch paines and penalties as may be inflicted vpon Offenders for contempt of Our Royall Command. And to the intent, that the Clarke and Clarkes and their Deputies appointed to make a true and perfect Entrie of the names of Paſſengers and other things herein before appointed to be Regiſtred and to keepe a Booke thereof, to bee extant according to Our pleaſure before herein declared, may be the better approued to be our faithfull Subiects, and truly execute their places in all things as ſhall be moſt fit.

We doe hereby ordaine, conſtitute and appoint, That all and euery the ſaid Clarke and Clarkes and their Deputies in each ſeuerall Port of their ſeuerall attendance, reſpectiuely before they or any of them be admitted to the execution of the ſaid Office, or place of Clarke or Deputie Clarke, ſhall before two or more of you our ſaid Commiſſioners reſiding in or neere that Port, reſpectiuely where the ſaid Clarke or Deputy Clarke ſhall attend, not only take the ſeuerall Oathes of Supremacie and Allegiance, but alſo ſhall take a Corporall Oath vpon the holy Euangeliſt, for the due and faithfull execution of the ſaid Office or place, of Clarke or Deputy Clarke of the purport and effect following, *videlicet*, You ſhall diligently attend and faithfully execute the Office or place of Clarke or Deputy Clarke (if hee be a Deputy of the paſſengers ouer Sea, whereunto you are appointed in the Court of B. (naming the Port) you ſhall make and keepe a perfect Entrie in a Regiſter Booke to be kept of purpoſe, of the names and ſurnames of all ſuch as ſhall be licenſed by the Commiſſioners in that behalfe appointed to paſſe the Seas, with their places of birth and abode, their State, Degree, Vocation, Trade, Myſtery or Occupation, and the true cauſe or cauſes of their going ouer, together with the place or places whither they intend or are to goe, and the time they intend or are like to returne, according as they ſhall anſwere the ſame vpon oath before his ſaid Maieſties Commiſſioners, with the dates of their Paſſes and ſuch other things as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct you to enter and Regiſter, that the ſame may be extant vpon all occaſions, you ſhall do your beſt endeuour to diſcouer and find out all fraud and counterfeiting, vſed or attempted by any Paſſengers, for the concealing of his true name, quality, or eſtate or occaſion or end of his going ouer, and thereof acquaint the ſaid Commiſſioners, that ſuch ſuſpected perſons may be ſtayed according to their Commiſſion, you ſhall not draw vp or make any Paſſe or Licence for any Paſſenger, but ſuch only as ſhall be firſt examined vpon Oath before the ſaid Commiſſioners, and haue before them taken the Oath of Allegiance, according to the ſaid Commiſſion. Nor ſhall giue any Ticket or Note vnder your hand to any Searcher, Ship-maſter, or other Officer, for the ſhipping away of any Paſſenger, but ſuch only as ſhall bee firſt licenced and allowed by the ſaid Commiſſioners by Paſſe vnder their hands, and in all things elſe to the ſaid Office belonging, well and duly behaue your ſelfe, as an honeſt, diligent, and faithfull Officer ought to doe, So helpe you God

And for the better performance hereof, We doe by theſe Preſents giue and grant vnto you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any two or more of you, within or neere the ſeuerall Ports or places, where you ſhall be reſident to adminiſter the ſaid Oath to the ſaid Clearkes and their Deputies, and euery of them reſpectiuely, without any further, or other Warrant or Commiſſion from Vs in that behalfe, to be had, procured, or obtained.

And We alſo command by authoritie hereof, all and ſingular Our Iuſtices of Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffes, Conſtables, Headboroughs, Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Searchers, Surueyors, and all other Our Officers and Miniſters, that they and euery of them, be diligent and carefull in the execution of this Our Commiſſion, and to the vttermoſt of their powers, to cauſe Our pleaſure herein expreſſed, to be from time to time performed withall conuenient expedition. In witneſſe whereof, We haue cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Patents.

Witneſſe our ſelfe at *Weſtminſter*, the fiue and twentieth day of *May*, in the ſixt yeare of Our Raigne.

Per breue de priuato Sigillo.

WILLYS.

God ſaue the King.